

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcasting receiving apparatus, having a receiving circuit for receiving a transmitted high frequency signal of a plurality of time division multiplexed programs, comprising an electric field strength detector for detecting the strength of an electric field, error ratio measuring circuit for measuring errors in received data packets, operation starting point controlling circuit that varies avaries an operation starting point of a variable gain circuit in response to the detected electrical field strength and the measured errors in the received data packets, establishing a better receiving characteristic condition while a desired program is not received.

2. (Currently Amended) The digital broadcasting receiving apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the circuit for selecting a better receiving characteristic condition is a parameter switch timing generating circuit controls a switch in response to the detected electrical field strength, wherein the switch switches between a vertically polarized antenna and a horizontally polarized antenna.

3.-8. (Cancelled).